

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to enact a law to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While there has been some increase in the number of refugees, there is no major difficulty in dealing with the refugees as the existing laws are considered, by and large, adequate; and

(d) Does not arise.

### Strengthening legal framework for protection of human rights

2534. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree that there is a need to strengthen further the legal framework for protection of human rights;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to amend the Protection of Human Rights Act;

(c) whether Justice Ahmadi Committee report regarding Human Rights Act has been received;

(d) if so, whether any suggestions have been accepted and implemented; and

(e) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sent a proposal suggesting amendment in various sections of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. While framing the proposal, NHRC has taken into consideration the recommendations of the Justice Ahmadi Committee set up by NHRC for the purpose. The proposal is being examined by the Government.